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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Programme 37. Emergency humanitarian assistance

1. At its 43rd meeting, on 16 September 1992, the Committee considered revisions to programme 37 (Emergency humanitarian assistance) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/47/6 (Prog. 37)).

Discussion

2. A number of delegations considered that the role of non-governmental organizations had not been sufficiently emphasized, and stressed the importance of coordinating their contribution, as well as that of relevant regional and subregional organizaitons, to emergency humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

3. A number of delegations stressed the importance of activities related to the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, and the need to ensure that those activities were not duplicated elsewhere in the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat. Those delegations were also concerned that an excessive proportion of the resources available to the Decade would be used for administrative support costs, as they were of the view that such resources should be devoted principally to substantive activities.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended approval of the revisions to programme 37 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, with the following modification:

Subprogramme 2 (Disaster prevention and preparedness) should be designated high priority.